

# Independence

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
  
Independence National Historical Park  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Beginning June 1, 2013

## Building Hours and Program Times

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

### Program:

“Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” weekends at 4:00 p.m.

Liberty Bell Center..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening

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## Independence Square (Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Tours are offered every 15 minutes, tickets are required. Free Tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center.**

Congress Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## Carpenters’ Court

America’s National Park Museum Shop.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

New Hall Military Museum.....Closed

## Franklin Court

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fragments of Franklin Court.....Closed

Museum Shop..... open Wednesday-Saturday..... 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Printing Office..... 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30

Declaration House.....Closed

Free Quaker Meeting House.....open Wednesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center (fee charged)... open Monday-Friday..... 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

open Saturday..... 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

open Sunday.....Noon-5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank...open Wednesday-Sunday.....10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Programs:

“Bank Orientation Tour” Wed-Sun at Noon

Meet at the Washington Statue for a tour of some of the notable people in the gallery. (15 min)

“Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles” weekends at 2:00 p.m. (20 min)

Moses Williams created silhouettes by operating an ingenious machine, the physignotrace. Hear

how his skill led to his freedom and see a reproduction of the machine.

“Stories of Struggle” slide show; weekends at 4:00 p.m. (30 min)

Join a park ranger for a slide program highlighting the stories of the people, places and events

surrounding the founding and early years of the United States of America.

The President’s House Site Memorial.....9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Todd and Bishop White Houses.....Closed

## Other NPS Sites

Deshler-Morris House.....Closed

Edgar Allan Poe NHS..... Closed for Renovations

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday & Sunday.....Noon – 4:00 p.m.

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## Special Events and Program Descriptions

### June 7, 8 and 9 - Independence Hall and History of Gay Rights in Philadelphia

2:00 - Independence Visitor Center Theater – on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1965 demonstrators marched across the street from Independence Hall calling attention to the discrimination facing the gay and lesbian community. These protests marked some of the first organized gay rights demonstrations in the United States. Join a Park Ranger for a slide program about the LGBT movement’s roots at Independence Hall. (1 hour)

### June 15 and 16 - Happy (Founding) Father’s Day

3:00 - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. Have you ever wondered about the family lives of the Founding Fathers? What did their wives and children think of their political activities? Join a park ranger and learn about the sacrifices and hardships facing the families of the Founder’s as these Fathers forged a new nation. (30 minutes)

### June 29 - What Does it Mean? (The Declaration of Independence as Political Rhetoric)

3:00 - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Join a park ranger for a slide program that discusses the historical background of the Declaration of Independence from the execution of Charles the First through the Enlightenment. (30 minutes)

### June 30 - How We Celebrate

3:00 - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Join a park ranger for a slide program that shows the 4<sup>th</sup> of July through the years from John Adam’s letter about how it would be celebrated to Susan B. Anthony’s speech on July 4, 1876, to “Yankee Doodle Dandy” and beyond. (30 minutes)